

Note from the Chief Comment Editor

Hello, and welcome to the student Comment issue of Volume 47 of the newly renamed *The University of the Pacific Law Review*. As Chief Comment Editor, it has been my privilege to work with each of the writers whose Comments will be featured in the pages to come. However, their articles and my own could not possibly be at this point without all the work of the Board of Editors of Volume 46 of the *McGeorge Law Review*. In particular, Chief Comment Editor Jacqueline Loyd, Chief Managing Editor Jill Schubert, Chief Technical Editor Anthony Serrao, and Editor-in-Chief Jason Miller played huge roles in taking each of these Comments from fledgling ideas to what you will read here.

Writing a Comment is a unique experience for law students, and similar opportunities are exceptionally rare during the practice of law. As lawyers, our job is to advocate for others. Whether we are drafting contracts, negotiating settlements, or litigating in a courtroom, we represent the interests of our clients to the best of our abilities. Even representing clients with interests that are aligned with ours, the battles we fight are framed by the particular problems presented by the case before us. Writing a Comment represents a unique moment in your law school career to take a stand on an issue that matters to you, and to frame it in whatever way you choose. It is the ultimate opportunity to choose your battle and advance a cause you believe in.

In this issue, you have the chance to read the results of six future lawyers pouring their hearts and souls into creating solutions for problems that matter to them. Through the inevitable crests and troughs of a seemingly interminable writing process, and through the butchery of rounds and rounds of editing, these Comments began as and remain labors of love for their authors. So whether you picked up this issue to read about climate change, railroads, the future of fast food workers, or municipal liability for the cities where Tamir Rice and so many more were murdered, read knowing that these are not just six more legal memoranda drafted because they had to be. Infused with the passion of their authors, they become something more.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Editors of Volume 47 of *The University of the Pacific Law Review*. In particular, Chief Managing Editor Emily Wieser, Chief Technical Editor Kayla Thayer, and Editor-in-Chief Amanda Kelly worked tirelessly to help make this issue a reality. So, again, welcome to the Comment issue. Please enjoy.

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